A. Confessions

A generall Confession of sinnes to be sayde euerye morninge.

L. 25 b. 2

ALmightie God our heauenlie father, I confesse & knowe ledge that I am a miserable and a wretched synner. and haue manifolde waies moste greuously transgressed thy moste godlie commaundementes, thorowe wicked thoughtes, vngodlie lustes, sinful wordes and dedes, and in my whole lyfe. In sinne am I borne and conceiued, & there is no goodnes in mee, in asmuch as if thou shuldest enter into thy narrow iudge-

ment with me, iudginge me according vnto the same, I were neuer able to suffer or abide it, but must nedes perish and be damned for euer. So litle healpe: comforte or succour, is there eyther in me, or in anie other creature. Onlie this is mi comfort (O heauē ly father) that thou didst not spare thy only deare beloued sonne, but diddest geue hym vp vnto the most bitter, and most vile & slaundrus death of the crosse for me, that hee might so pay the raunsome for my sinnes, satisfi thi iudgment, stil & pacifie thy wrath recōcile me again vnto thee, and purchase me thy grace & fauoure,

fauour, and euerlastinge life. Wherfore, thorowe the merite of his most bitter death and passion, and thorow his innocent bloudsheddinge, I beseche thee, O heauenly father, that thou wilte vouchsafe to be gracious and mercifull vnto me, to forgeue, and to pardone me al my sins, to lighten my hearte with thy holi spirit, to renue, confirm and strengthen me with a right and a perfet faith, and to enflame me ī loue toward thee and my neighbor, that I may henceforthe wyth a willynge and a glad hearte, walke as it becometh me, in thy most godly cōmaūde-

mentes, and so gloryfye and
prayse thee euerlastynglye.
And also that I mai with a
fre conscience & a quiet heart
in all maner of temptacions
afflictions, or necessities, and
euen in the verye panges of
death, cry boldely and mere-
ly vnto thee, & say: I beleue
in God the father almighty
maker of heauen and earth.
And in Jesus Christ. &c.
But O Lord God heauenly
father, to comfort my self in
affliction & temptacion with
these articles of the christen
faith, it is not in my power.
For fayth is thy gift, and for
asmuch as thou wilt be prai
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it, I come vnto the, to pray & beseche thee, bothe for that, & for all my other necessities, euen as thy deare beloued son oure Sauioure Christ Jesu hathe him selfe taughte vs. And from the very botom of my heart, I cry and saye: O our father whych art in heauen. &c.

A prayer to be sayde in the morninge.

O Merciful Lord God heuenlye father, I render most hyghe laudes, prayse & thankes vnto thee, that thou hast preserued me both thys nighte, & al the time & daies of my lyfe hitherto vnder thy protection, and hast suffred me

me to lyue vntyl thys present houre. And I beseche thee hartely, thou wilt vouchsafe to receiue me this daye, & the residue of my whole life frō henceforthe into thy tuicion, rulinge and gouernynge me wyth thy holy spirit, that al maner of darkenes, of misbeliefe, infidelitie, and of carnall lustes and affections, may be vtterly chased and dryuē out of my heart, and that I mai be iustified and saued bothe body & soule thorow a right and a perfecte faythe, and so walcke in the lyghte of thy moofte godlye truthe, to thy glorye and prayfe, and to the profit and furtheraunce of mi

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neighboure, thorowe Jesus Christ our Lorde and Sauioure. Amen.

A lamentacion of a synner.

ALas wretch that I am: A comfortles and forsakē of al men, which haue offended both heauen and earth, whether shall I goo or whether shal I turne me: To whom shal I fle for succour: Who shal haue pity or compassion on me: Unto heauen dare I not lyft vp myne eyes, for I haue grieuously sinned agaīst it, and in the earth cā I find no place of defēce, for I haue bene noysom vnto it. What shal I nowe doe shall I dispair: God forbyd, ful mercy-

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